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FOR OES/SCI, ADDISON RICHMOND, DR. GRANGER, DR. ASTIN;
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SUBJECT: JANUARY VISIT TO US OF CHIEF OF FRENCH R & D
COORDINATING AGENCY PROF. CURIEN

1. FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX DAYS IN LATTER PART OF JANUARY
1975, PROFESSOR HUBERT CURIEN, DELEGUE GENERAL (DIRECTOR)
OF GOF'S CENTRAL CIVILIAN R & D COORDINATION AGENCY,
THE DGRST (GENERAL DELEGATION FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECH-
NICAL RESEARCH), WILL BE VISITING THE UNITED STATES. HE
WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SENIOR TECHNICALLY-QUALIFIED
OFFICIAL, AS YET UNNAMED, FROM THE GOF'S
.T ENERGY AGENCY (DEL-
EGATION FOR ENERGY).

2. DURING PREVIOUS VISITS TO THE U.S., PROF CURIEN,
IN HIS FORMER CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR OF CNRS, NATIONAL
CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, VISITED GROUPS ORIENTED
TOWARD BASIC RESEARCH. HIS PREFERENCE FOR UPCOMING TRIP
IS TO FOCUS ON MORE APPLIED SCIENCE, I.E., "SCIENCE
FOR..." (FOR EXAMPLE, DEVELOPING NATIONS, HEALTH,
ENERGY). HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH DR. STEVE OF NSF
AND TO VISIT WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM MAJOR U.S. AGEN-
CIES PARTICIPATING IN THE U.S.-FRENCH BILATERAL R & D
COOPERATION PROGRAM FOR AN OVERVIEW OF THE STATUS AND
PARTICULARLY THE FUTURE OF THAT PROGRAM.

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3. AS A SECOND PRIORITY, AS TIME IS AVAILABLE, HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT SOME APPLICATIONS-ORIENTED RESEARCH INSTALLATIONS NEAR WASHINGTON DC, AND SPECIFICALLY THE FUSION LABORATORIES IN PRINCETON AND GENETICS LABORATORIES AT NIH, BETHESDA. THE FACT THAT HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENERGY RESEARCH APPLICATIONS EXPERT EMPHASIZES VISITORS' INTEREST IN SOLAR ENERGY, GEOTHERMAL ENERGY, AND OTHER "NOVEL" ENERGY-RELATED INSTALLATIONS AND GROUPS INCLUDING NSF'S STAFF UNDER DR. EGGERS. FORMER SCICON PIET WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN WASHDC TO PARTICIPATE IN SOME VISITS. DR. GRANGER MAY WISH TO ACT AS HOST.

4. ACTION: PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH PRELIMINARY PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND PROGRAM BY 29 NOVEMBER IN ORDER TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR ADEQUATE DISCUSSION AND PLANNING WITH FRENCH.
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